

SENATE BILL 4071

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to providing laptop computers to students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

(a) There is created a pilot program to make laptop computers available to juniors and seniors attending high school who are also enrolled in college courses at eligible postsecondary institutions. The program shall occur no later than August 1, 2008, for a period of twelve (12) months in the following three (3) locations:

- (1) A municipality with a population of at least six hundred thousand (600,000) in west Tennessee;
- (2) A municipality located in middle Tennessee; and
- (3) A municipality located in east Tennessee.

(b) The cost of the laptops to be purchased for the pilot program shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) each. Each laptop shall have at least two (2) display modes available: a Transmissive, full-color mode, and a reflective, high-resolution black and white mode that is sunlight readable.

(c) The program shall be administered by the department of education.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

